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Cracow, Jan. 5. *N. S.*

THE Weywode of *Mariembourg*, the Crown-Treasurer, the Deputy-Chancellor of *Lithuania*, and several other Senators and Persons of Note, continue in this Place, expecting the the King of *Poland*'s Return from *Dresden*, where it is believed he will make but a short stay. The Crown Standard-bearer, whom the King before his departure had sent on some secret Negociation to *Moscow*, returned from thence this week, and is gone to *Dresden*, to give him an Account of his Proceedings. We are assured that his Majesty has resolved to augment considerably the number of his *Saxon* Forces in this Kingdom against the next Campaign, and has large Promises of Assistance from the Czar of *Muscovy*.

Venice, Jan. 11. On the 5th Instant the Carnaval was begun here, with the customary Entertainments of Comedies, Opera's, and Masquerades, which have invited to this Place a very great number of Strangers, among whom are many Persons of Note; and it has been no small Addition to the Pleasure and Satisfaction which this Season usually brings with it, to see the best part of both the Imperial and the *French* and *Spanish* Forces drawn from our Neighbourhood, by reason of General *Staremberg*'s Expedition to join the Duke of *Savoy*, and to have the Seat of War, as we hope, in a great measure removed from our Frontiers. The Forces which the Duke of *Vendosme* has left behind to observe the Imperialists, who remain at *Ostiglia*, *Revere*, and the Posts along the *Secchia*, are about 10000 strong, and have made some Attempts to beat the *Germans* from some of their Posts, but have always been repulsed with Loss. The Imperialists have lately received from *Germany* a good number of Recruits, and some Convoys of Arms, Ammunition, and other Necessaries, and are in daily Expectation of further Supplies.

Buda, Jan. 12. A Body of the Rebels is encamped near *Zolnoch*; and one *Mattia Szabo*, late Post-master of *Hatuan*, being come with a Detachment of them to *Varcan* on the 2d Instant, writ from thence a Letter to the Magistrates of *Pest*, demanding of them 3000 Loaves, a great quantity of Oats, 100 Fats of Wine, 100 Oxen, 200 Wagon-loads of Hay, and 300 of Wood, desiring their Answer in 3 days time, and acquainting them, That if they did not comply, and put themselves under the Protection of Prince *Ragotzi*, he had Orders to plunder their Town. Thereupon the Inhabitants resolved to defend themselves to the last Extremity, and accordingly made the necessary Preparations for that purpose. In the mean time *Szabo*, with his Detachment, came the 4th to the Banks of the *Danube*, near the Island *Raskeve*, a little above this City, and that River being frozen over, he sent 400 Men into the said Island, who plundered the Inhabitants, and seized their Horses and Cattel, while himself with the rest of his Men did the like in the neighbourhood of *Pest*: But upon notice thereof a Detachment was sent from a Body of *Rascians*, which have been drawing together for some days near *Baya*, upon whose Approach the Rebels are retired towards *Keskemet*, and the Garison of *Pest* has been reinforced; so that we look upon that Place at present to be out of all Danger; however all possible Care is taken both there and in this Town to prevent any Surprise, by breaking the Ice, and keeping the Fortifications in good Repair, and using all other necessary Precautions for our Security. A Party of 200 of the *Rascians* abovementioned met lately with a Body of the Rebels near *Nemetky*, above thrice their Number, with whom they had a very sharp dispute, and at length obliged the Rebels to retire with Loss; and two small Parties of these *Rascians* are since come hither, with each a Standard, which they took from the Enemy in this Action. A Body of Rebels had lately blocked up *Erlau*, but the Garison made so vigorous a Sally upon them, that they were obliged to retire with loss of many of their Men. The Inhabitants of the Island of *St. Andrew* in the *Danube*, to secure themselves from the same Misfortune as has befallen those of *Raskeve*, keep continually breaking the Ice, and are building a small Fort. We have an Account from *Temeswaer*, that the Janizaries in Garison there have mutined, and killed 5 of their Chief Officers.

Plimouth, Febr. 1. Yesterday sailed to the Eastward 4 *Dutch* Men of War, and under their Convoy about 60 Merchant Ships, which came from *Lisbon* and *St. Hubes*, being homeward bound. The same day sailed also the

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